

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph inserted after line 34 on page 21 by the amendment filed on March 9, 2005, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 6 shows a flow diagram of the steps for effecting the handover depicted in Figs. 3-5. In step S1, at least one cell of the internal cellular network is defined as a border cell. At step S2, the movement of the mobile station into the border cell is detected by the WIO system. In step S3, the WIO system uses a prediction algorithm to determine when a handoff is likely to be required and generates an advance hand-off request, step S4, which is sent to the MSC of the external network when it is determined that a handoff is likely. This allows the MSC to ~~begin preparations~~ set up a communication channel in the external network for the handover in response to the advance hand-off request before ~~and~~ an actual handover requirement is required, step S5. When the actual handover is required, it can be effected quickly, step ~~S4~~ S6. --